

UNITED CHARITIES SCORED BY JUDGE FOR COURT PRACTICES

Charity is a many-sided quality and should have a part in all court proceedings.

But charitable judgment, as practiced by some representatives of the United Charities, is in disfavor with Judge Jacob M. Hopkins of the court of domestic relations.

In case after case representatives of the United Charities have come into court and recommended Bridewell sentences for defendants. One year is the least they consider adequate punishment.

The patience of Judge Hopkins reached the breaking point yesterday, and over the head of one U. C. representative, he bitterly assailed the entire practice of the charities in his court.

John Herman, 2017 School street, had been arrested on the complaint of his wife, Josephine, who said he did not support her or their child.

John and Josephine had had their differences and he admitted he didn't provide as much money as he might. But he presented some extenuating circumstances that were considered by the court. John said he was willing to pay a stated amount each week to his wife and an order to that effect was entered.

Then a United Charities representative, who had been standing behind Josephine during the hearing, broke in. In many cases the U. C. has representatives in cases because the names of complainants are on their books.

She wanted John to secure a surety bond for the payments of the stated amount to his wife, in default of which he would have to go to jail. There had been no question but what John was a worker and a fairly steady one.

The judge's jaw tensed angrily as he listened to the U. C. representative.

"Sending a man to jail seems to be

the chief aim of the charities, from what I can make out in this court," rapped out the judge.

"And in every case where you people want a man jailed a year is the least you consider."

The charities representative tried to break in.

"Three times in the last week," continued the judge, disregarding her, "I have had the same condition. Charities' representatives came in here and wanted a man sent to the Bridewell for a year.

"This business has been going on long enough. The United Charities is the only organization that takes such a stand. It may be amusing to the charities, but it isn't to me. That isn't modern charity; it's medieval.

"The defendant will be allowed to go on his own bond, and I would advise a change in the court practice of your society."

The charities' worker, who had been vainly trying to get in a word, retired crestfallen.

"Do you mind being quoted on that?" the judge was asked.

"Not a bit," he answered, his anger uncooled. "It is time such things were brought out into the light."

May sound like a funny question to ask a judge, but all of them aren't so free in criticism of the United Charities.

JAP LINER SUNK—BIG LOSS

London, Dec. 23.—Sinking of Japanese liner Yasaka Maru by submarine in Mediterranean resulted in loss of more than \$5,000,000, Daily Telegraph asserted today. Yasaka Maru, vessel of nearly 7,000 tons, was en route from London to Japan via the Suez canal.

I have named my new launch "Revenue Cutter" because she cuts such big swaths in my revenue (salary). Get it?—Artie.